

Department of Health and Human Services
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
Centers for Public Health Preparedness

To strengthen the front line against health threats

<http://www.phppo.cdc.gov/owpp/>

Background:

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) established a national system of Centers for Public Health Preparedness to focus on improving the capacity of the front line public health and health care worker to respond to bioterrorism, other infectious disease outbreaks, and other public health threats and emergencies. Established in FY 2000, the Centers for Public Health Preparedness (CPHP) program serves as an integrated national system that provides a continuum of accessible learning opportunities for frontline workers throughout their careers. This program is aimed at providing professional workforce development services to personnel at State and local health departments, community-based organizations and other entities charged to carry out CDC programs in general and bioterrorism and infectious disease control and prevention, in particular.

The CPHP program funds three types of centers-academic, specialty and local health department exemplars. *Academic* or comprehensive base centers link schools of public health with state, local and regional needs; *Specialty* centers address unique content (public health law), discipline-specific (nursing) or technology (advance distance learning) needs; while *Local Exemplars* or *Advanced Practice* sites focus on operational readiness, communications and/or information technology and training applications.

Funded Centers conduct activities which: 1) support state and local public health agencies in achieving preparedness capacities for bioterrorism and emergency response; 2) facilitate implementation of the National Public Health Training Plan for Bioterrorism Preparedness; and 3) support the vision outlined in the CDC Strategic Plan for Public Health Workforce Development.

Academic Centers at the Schools of Public Health:

Columbia University; Emory University; Harvard University; Johns Hopkins University; University of California-Los Angeles; Saint Louis University; State University of New York-Albany; Tulane University; University of Iowa; University of Illinois at Chicago; University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill; University of Minnesota; University of South Florida; University of Pittsburgh and the University of Washington.

Specialty Centers:

Dartmouth Medical College; Johns Hopkins and Georgetown University-Center for Law and the Public's Health; Saint Louis University-Center for the Study of Bioterrorism and Emerging Infections; University of Findlay (Ohio)-National Center of Excellence for Environmental Management; University of Georgia-Center for Leadership in Education and Applied Research in Mass Destruction Defense; University of Louisville-Center for Deterrence of Biowarfare and Bioterrorism; and Texas A&M University-National Emergency Response and Rescue Training Center.

Advanced Practice Centers:

Dekalb County Board of Health-Georgia; Denver Health-Colorado; Monroe County Health Department-New York; Westchester County Health Department-New York, and Lawrence-Douglas County-Kansas.

For additional information on the national system of Centers for Public Health Preparedness, please visit our website at www.phppo.cdc.gov/owpp or contact:

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